

Stephanie Kost

From: Barbara Betz [mrspenguin@ispsaver.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 11:08 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Stop "Pay Per Channel" Plans

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11192 Jackman
Temperance, MI 48182

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Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2004 12:03 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Stop "Pay Per Channel" Plans

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From: Maria Earnest [mariaearnest@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 1:17 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: comment to strike down the a la carte cable regulation

Dear Sir:

I am very concerned. I have contacted my congressman and asked him to "strike down the a la carte cable regulation". I understand it is part of the competition in consumer choice in the MVPD market place. I would like you to watch this closely.

Sincerely,
Maria Earnest
1304 Rockmoor Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76134

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Stephanie Kost

From: Mark Taylor [Mtaylor@spotsylvania.va.us]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2004 10:17 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: a la carte cable

Sir-

Please accept this comment-

Have searched in vain on FCC website for mode by which to comment on pending a la carte cable rule.

Astounded that this is even a topic of discussion. Would have thought that the death of "Ma Bell" and the rise of competition would have answered this issue automatically. That the discussion even exists is a testament to corrupting force of power.

Those who fought their way into business preaching free market & competition now seek protection from competition in the form of protection for bundling of cable "packages". Packages provide a subsidy for programming that should fail in the marketplace and force consumers to accept hours of unwanted and unwatched programming. Please make mandated a la carte cable a reality! Thank you. Mark Taylor
Spotsylvania

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From: Norma Graham [nlgraham@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2004 11:17 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: a la carte cable regulations

The FCC should report to Congress that a la carte programming would be destructive to the market and undermine the development and availability of diverse programming and program sources to the public. The cost would be higher to the consumer with less product provided.

Norma Lee Graham
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nlgraham@comcast.net

Stephanie Kost

From: Paul & Kathleen Brown [pkjl.b1@att.net]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 7:48 AM
To: Michael Powell
Cc: Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: a la carte charge for religious broadcasting

Mr. Powell,

I understand that the FCC is supporting an "a la carte" per-channel-charge that would be devastating to religious broadcasting -- cutting broadcasts from over 90 million households to just a few million. This per-channel-charge would limit broadcast ministries to only those consumers who specifically order and pay for cable channels with religious programming.

I ask that in the interest of religious liberties and constitutional freedom that you stop the proposal of this outrageous "a la carte cable regulation." I urge you to protect the Constitutional right of free speech.

Sincerely,

Kathleen F. Brown

pkjl.b1@att.net

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Grapevine, TX 76051-5626

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From: Pinkpetunia220@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 9:26 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: a la carte cable regulation

Dear Sir:

I understand the FCC is trying to get a bill passed that would decrease the amount of religious broadcasting. We ask you to please reconsider and stop this "a la carte cable regulation"...religious broadcasting has such a positive effect on so many of us on a daily basis, and is a much better alternative to much of the programs on tv. Thank you for your kind consideration.

J. Hicks

Stephanie Kost

From: Robert Bobbitt [robert.bobbitt@zurichna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 5:04 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Cable TV: Ala Carte Program Choices

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Phone: 913/339-1579
Network: 899-1579
Fax: 913/906-2323
E-mail: robert.bobbitt@zurichna.com

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From: Steve & Brenda [moderndaysamson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 3:04 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: a la carte regulation

Dear Rep. Mac Thornberry and FCC

I have been made aware of this situation, as well as others have been made aware of this.
Please read the following.

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From: Terry Moyer [terrymoyer@admoyer.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2004 1:24 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Ala Carte Cable television

Kathleen,

I hate to trouble you with this topic but have run into nothing but dead ends on the potential future of the cable industry going- to an ala carte program. I've talked with several people at Commcast (our local cable supplier) and got as far up the ladder (Robert Glasgow some one in the executive office 1-800-220-8315 ext #6218256). Their position is that it just isn't economically feasible.

My wife and I are concerned about what my 4 kids which range from 8 to 16 years old see on TV. Commcast was cooperative in putting traps on several channels such as MTV and VH1 but the more we considered it, the more we disagree with having to support (through package pricing) the channels that promote indecency with our monthly payment. We've since back in July disconnected our service and now only get about 6-8 local stations.

Unfortunately, my 3 sons and I enjoy sports and the only way you can get a good variety of them is through the ESPN network and other stations such as TBS. Our problem is not in that we disagree with the total cost of the cable, we just don't want to continue to support the stations with smutty reputations/programming. I know there are organizations out there that have taken up the fight to get ala carte in the United States but it seems as if the Christian community isn't being heard on this. What's your viewpoint on the issue of having such a good media device being used in a monopolizing way? Is there anyway you can help? I really feel the cable industry won't move on an issue of decency until forced to by either government regulation or some kind of competition.

I know your probably a very busy person, but I really would like to some one in the FCC that shares my concerns for the future of our children. Could you please call or E-mail back with any help possible.

Thanks, Terry Moyer

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Stephanie Kost

From: Tim Brenn [tazz92307@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2004 11:20 AM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein; FCCINFO; FOIA
Subject: Oppose pay per channel or "a la carte" regulation that hampers freedom of speech.

FCC Commissioners,

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Apple Valley CA

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From: Virginia Hulette [vhulette@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2004 12:23 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: "a la carte" per channel charge

Virginia Hulette
7109 Shull Rd
Huber Hts, OH 45424

October 5, 2004

Kevin J. Martin

445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Sincerely,

Virginia Hulette
937 236-4381

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From: shandle.green@att.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2004 11:12 AM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: boxer.senate.gov@mailgate1.fcc.gov
Subject: A la carte programming

Okay,

Let's be serious about a la carte. The bottom line is that we would pay the same amount for a few channels that we pay for a lot - we lose the volume discount. And, how do people come to the conclusion that they only watch 10 or 12 networks?? They see all of them and realize that their favorite shows are on those channels specifically. If you're asked when activating, "What channels do you want?" You're going to rattle off the ones that you know of.

Look at all of the wonderful channels that have developed from this market - TNT, AMC, LIFETIME, DISCOVERY, BRAVO and FOXNEWS to name a few. Look at how LIFETIME has revolutionized the notion of home improvement. All channels that we were compelled to get because they were a part of the package!

Please don't let the ignorance of a few ruin it for people that want to see fresh and new television programming. People that don't want a limited few to dominate network programming. People that appreciate channels that take risks and introduce us to ideas that we wouldn't have had before. Why don't you as representatives of this country do what you do best - make informed decisions, popular or not, and stand by them because it's your job.

Sincerely,

Shandle Green

Pasadena, California

Stephanie Kost

From: Sharon [swread@banet.com]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 5:01 PM
To: jeff.flake@mail.house.gov
Cc: Michael Powell
Subject: A La Carte Cable Regulation

Dear Representative Flake,

I know that the U.S. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission are currently considering a proposal called "a la carte" that would be devastating to the ability of religious broadcasters to reach many with the gospel.

I would like to let you know as a registered voter that you represent that I am opposed to this..

Thank you for your time,

Sharon Read

Stephanie Kost

From: Skier Dude [parchmentskier@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 2:16 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: bad legislation

Just a quick note to voice my vehement opposition to the proposed 'a la carte cable regulation' that is being currently discussed in congress. I also expressed these sentiments to my congressman, Vern Ehlers.

Darrell Nash

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Stephanie Kost

From: TAMEKA JACKSON [jacksont741114@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 3:32 PM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein; FCCINFO
Subject: Stop Pay Per Channel Legislation Against Religious programming!
Importance: High

All,

I've learned that the U.S. Congress and Federal Communications Commission have proposed an "a la carte" per-channel-charge that would LIMIT broadcast ministries to only those consumers who specifically order and pay for cable channels with religious programming. I demand that you discontinue this "a la carte cable regulation" and prevent it from ever being considered again!

I am a consumer of religious programming and I do so without expensive, morally, physically and spiritually destructive cable programming. If this legislation is passed, I will no longer have access to religious broadcasts, which is an infringement of my rights with no real basis except the "We don't want to hear about God" mentality that has plagued our nation for the last several years. It's odd and interesting that similar legislation regarding the violent, sexually explicit and profane programming bundled in the packages currently offered on cable and regular network television is not coming under the same fire.

Religious freedom is beneficial to all and is guaranteed under the constitution. This legislation is a direct attack on liberty. I urge you to do what you can to vote down this attempt to stifle the country's religious freedoms--the same freedoms that founded the nation. I don't speak for everyone, but I do speak for the tens of millions of consumers of religious programs.

Thank you.
Tameka Jackson

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Subject: Strike Down 'A La Carte Cable Regulation!'

Dear Commissioners:

The religious programming that I, my family, and friends enjoy should NOT be CUT-OFF as proposed. Your proposal of an a la carte per-channel charge would LIMIT broadcasting ministries to only those consumers who specifically order and pay for cable channels with religious programming. This is unfair and WE the people need to STOP this outrageous proposal and PROTECT FREE SPEECH in America!!

I have written to my congresswoman and I will alert all I come into contact with about this tragic proposal you are endorsing.

Sincerely,

Alice Barsegian
1825 El Rey Rd.
San Pedro, CA 90732

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From: Alison Cohn [alison@iolbv.com]
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To: KAQuinn
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I come from a military family that has devoted centuries to protecting the morals and livelihood of Americans. I was wrongfully imprisoned more than once because I was afraid to stand on my own feet and fight for myself. Now I am fighting for my wife and son. I can't change my past, but I hope to influence the future for their sake.

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Dear Mr. Martin,

I have written my congressman, Mel Watt of N. Carolina, and now I am writing you to express my opinion about the bill that is before Congress concerning the "a la carte" programming regulations for cable companies.

I am against this bill. It will have a devastating impact on religious programming. Religious programming effects the lives of millions of people. Not only does it offer a welcome relief from the often offensive network programming but it also promotes and impacts positive character traits that often translate into better people and better citizenship.

Angel Christ
Jamestown, NC